

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

The A ~~digital contents distribution system of the present invention~~ distributes digital contents through first and second networks ~~12~~ and ~~22~~. A server ~~14~~ is connected to the first network ~~12~~, and clients ~~20~~ for receiving and displaying or reproducing the digital contents are connected to the second network ~~22~~. The server ~~14~~ divides digital contents held therein into a plurality of packets, and transmits packets of a minimum unit for constructing the digital contents to the second network ~~22~~. The clients ~~20~~ include ~~means~~ storage for holding the digital contents therein by use of the packets of the minimum unit received from the server ~~14~~ and packets received from other clients constructing the second network.